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SUBJ: COFFEE: LONDON PRODUCERS MEETING SUPPORTS BRAZIL
ON PRICING

REF: (A) LONDON 16263, (B) LONDON 16174

1. THE LONDON PRESS OF DECEMBER 13 CARRIED EXCERPTS
OF AN INTERVIEW CONCERNING COFFEE PRICE GUARANTEES WITH
FAUSTO CANTU (PERU), CHAIRMAN OF THE COFFEE PRODUCERS
GROUP (AN EXTRA-OFFICIAL CAUCUS OF PRODUCING MEMBERS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION). CANTU SAID
THE PRODUCERS AGREED THAT THE PROJECTED NEW INTERNATIONAL
COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA) MUST CONTAIN PRICE GUARANTEES
WITH PROVISION FOR AUTOMATIC AND PERIODIC READJUSTMENT
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(I.E., WITH MAINTENANCE OF REAL PRICE CLAUSES). CANTU

REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE PRODUCERS DO NOT REGARD THIS AS A PRECONDITION FOR TALKS ON A NEW ICA (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN EARLY IN 1975), BUT FELT THE PRICE ISSUE "SHOULD BE TACKLED FIRST TO ENABLE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE."

2. JUAN RESTREPO (COLOMBIA) CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY THAT PRESS REPORTS ARE ACCURATE (REUTERS CARRIED MORE DETAILED REPORT). HE SAID THAT THE RESOLUTION, PUT FORWARD BY BRAZIL, HAD THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE GROUP.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, BRAZIL PRESENTED ITS PAPER OUTLINING THE GOB'S IDEAS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT (REF B) ON DECEMBER 12. THE DOCUMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSLATED AND SHOULD BE CIRCULATED LATE DECEMBER 13. IN ADDITION TO THOSE FROM THE NETHERLANDS (REF A) AND BRAZIL, UGANDA, SWEDEN, FRANCE AND PORTUGAL MAY ALSO SUBMIT PAPERS.

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